



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Victoria J. Li, P.E., Director
Watershed Protection Department

DATE: November 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Rosewood Site Improvement Project Update

This memo is to provide you with an update on the City's recent activities with the Rosewood Site Remediation Project. This is an environmental remediation project involving a 2.3 acre, City-owned property located behind private residences on Ridgeway Drive, Sol Wilson Avenue and Pandora Street, in the Homewood Heights neighborhood. You may recall that, in 2007, after the City removed trash and debris from this area, staff found broken glass and pieces of melted metal which indicated an old dump site existed on the property.

A Core Project Team was formed from several City Departments to address this issue. In 2008, an environmental assessment was completed and sampling results indicated elevated levels of lead, arsenic and pesticides. The assessment also revealed the waste material was not only dispersed and buried on City property, but on several surrounding private properties as well. The community was informed of findings via public notices and presentations at neighborhood meetings.

In 2009, the City retained an engineering firm to design a remediation plan and to develop construction documents. The remediation plan includes cleanup of 13 private properties due to the potential of the waste material to runoff onto the City property. The City Council recently approved funding for the project which is scheduled to start November 5, 2012.

We plan to distribute a public notice to neighborhood residents in our continuing effort to keep the community informed of the project. We are also preparing to conduct a neighborhood meeting to provide residents with information on the project and estimated project timeline. (See attached public notice)

Funding for this project comes from the Abandoned Landfills Remediation Fund. This fund was created to investigate and remediate closed and abandoned landfills that the City owned, operated, or disposed of waste at the site or where waste is found on City-owned property. Contributions to the fund come from Austin Resource Recovery, the Austin Water Utility and the Watershed Protection Department.

At your request, we will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses. Questions or concerns can be directed to Oscar Garza, Watershed Protection Department at 512-974-1893 or via email at: oscar.garza@austintexas.gov.

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Rosewood Site Improvements Construction Starting Soon

Meet the Contractor Meeting

Conley-Guerrero Activity Center, 808 Nile Street., Austin, TX 78702

November 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.



Construction Schedule

- November 5, 2012 to Winter 2013

Project budget

- \$2.1 million funded by multiple City of Austin Departments

Project Summary

- This project will consist of the removal of municipal solid waste (MSW) on City property and partial excavation of MSW on neighboring residential properties while maintaining stable slopes. The final slopes will be re-vegetated with native grasses and trees.

Contractor

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How will this construction affect neighbors?

- On Ridgeway Drive between Rosewood Ave. and Sol Wilson Ave. , traffic may experience temporary delays due to construction equipment and material deliveries.
- Expect noise from construction equipment from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Construction will normally occur Monday through Friday.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation!

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